



Berrien County Trial Court

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Mr. Corbin R. Davis
Clerk of the Court
Michigan Supreme Court
PO Box 30052
Lansing, MI 48909

Re: ADM File No. 2005-02, Privacy Policy and Access to Court
Records

Dear Mr. Davis:

The Berrien County Trial Court supports the creation of a privacy policy for the judiciary. However, the concern for this Court is that the full social security number cannot be obtained at case filing.

Once the case has attained an unpaid judgment status without the full social security number (civil, criminal, and traffic cases), the collection mechanism or enforcement officer must first pursue capture of the full nine digit number. This is inefficient, adds to the cost of collection, and delays contact with the party who may have changed his/her residence multiple times.

The Berrien County Trial Court recommends that the proposed order be worded so that the full social security number may be collected from the party at case filing or first appearance in court with the direction that the number be maintained as non-public information.

Sincerely,

Brian Ray
Trial Court Administrator

